

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 15-24 have been withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 25-33 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., Matsumoto, and Prince, et al. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., and Matsumoto and further in view of Robichaud, et al. and Prince, et al. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., Matsumoto, and Robichaud, et al. and further in view of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement and Prince, et al. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., Matsumoto, and Robichaud, et al. and further in view of Seelen and Prince, et al. Claims 4-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., and Matsumoto and further in view of Matsuda, et al. and

Prince, et al. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita in view of Hall, Hasegawa, et al., and Matsumoto and further in view of Poradish, et al. and Prince, et al. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chun in view of Matsumoto and Prince, et al. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Prince, et al. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Yamashita and Robichaud, et al. and Prince, et al. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Yamashita and Robichaud, et al. and further in view of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement and Prince, et al. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Yamashita and Robichaud, et al. and further in view of Seelen and Prince, et al. Claims 4-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of

Matsuda, et al. and Prince, et al. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Poradish, et al. and Prince, et al. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu, et al., Chun, and Matsumoto in view of Hall and Hasegawa, et al. and Prince, et al. Claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 12-14.

Claims 25-33 have been added. Claims 25-33 depend from allowed Claim 12. As a result, Claims 25-33 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-24 have been withdrawn pursuant to the restriction requirement raised by the Examiner.

Applicant notes that there has been no indication that the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 23, 2003 have been considered during the examination of the present Application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide the appropriate indication that the documents cited therein have in fact been considered.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 12-14 and 25-33.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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